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PROCLAMATION

TEACHER REMEMBRANCE DAY - FIRST SUNDAY IN JUNE

WHEREAS, the progress of any nation may be attributed in large measure to our educational system and the emphasis placed upon knowledge as the key to enlightened self-government; and

WHEREAS, the degree to which our educational system has been successful in building better citizens is due to the interest and ability of the men and women who have dedicated themselves to the teaching profession; and

WHEREAS, educators, in the process of transferring knowledge, set standards of character and integrity which remain throughout the years with the students they have counseled and exercise a valuable influence in their lives; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we interest greater numbers of young people in the opportunities offered the teaching profession in order that we may meet the needs arising from the extremely rapid growth of our nation and our increasing school population; and which will enable us to solve the situation which we face; a teacher shortage which amounts to a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this fact, the Members of The International Senior League, Alumni of Our Schools, Sponsors of Teachers Remembrance Day, have proposed that a day, a Sunday, be set aside annually for the purpose of honoring all teachers, both active and retired, thereby indicating to them our personal thanks and appreciation for the noble service which they perform;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the FIRST SUNDAY IN JUNE be proclaimed as TEACHER REMEMBRANCE DAY, and urge all citizens to become more familiar with the accomplishments of our teachers and the opportunities offered by teaching as a career for young men and women; a day when spiritual services may be conducted in commemoration of this date, when over one million teachers may rededicate themselves to the high ideals which they have transferred to the millions of citizens of our land throughout the ages, and when citizens may, in turn, have an opportunity to realize that they have been guided well by those who were trained to instruct them; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in all public-spirited community gatherings, honor be given our teachers on this TEACHER REMEMBRANCE DAY, the FIRST SUNDAY IN JUNE; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT it be recommended that each citizen for that day do write a note of appreciation to a teacher who has influenced his life for good, and that each parent write a note of thanks to a teacher who has been most helpful to his child or children, and

BE IT FURTHER RECOMMENDED that the Alumni Organizations of each educational institution plan reunions with teachers which will make this day of tribute a memorable one;

BE IT FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT the TEACHER REMEMBRANCE DAY ROSE be the gift flower of the day (Pat. No. 944); and

BE IT FURTHER RECOMMENDED that the American flag be displayed as a tribute to those who teach our young people the American traditions and way of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of South Dakota to be affixed this 22 day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty One.


Archie C. Sundstrand
Governor, South Dakota

ATTEST:


E. A. Kridelbaum
Secretary of State

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